

1-14 (Canceled).

15. (Previously Amended) A welded wire lathing material packaged into a roll and for use in mounting stucco plaster and the like onto a building frame, comprising,

- a) a plurality of spaced-apart, approximately parallel transverse strands substantially located in a first plane;
- b) a plurality of spaced apart, approximately parallel primary longitudinal strands also substantially located in said first plane, intersecting and in contact with said transverse strands;
- c) a plurality of secondary longitudinal strands also substantially placed in said first plane and closely spaced and approximately parallel with, some of said primary longitudinal strands, thus forming pairs of longitudinal strands, said pairs defining a plurality of longitudinal slots located at predetermined spaced intervals extending across said lathing material, said slots being wider than the shaft, but narrower than the head, of fasteners predetermined for attaching said lath to said building frame;
- d) said plurality of transverse strands welded to said primary strands and to said secondary strands at their points of intersections, and forming a rectangular mesh approximately located in said first plane;
- e) a plurality of spacing furrs formed by bending said transverse strands into indentations perpendicular to, and on one side of, said first plane, at predetermined space intervals extending across said lathing material, and located along said transverse strands, each said spacing furr situated between two of said primary longitudinal strands or between one of said primary longitudinal strands and one of said secondary strands, the tip of said indentations defining a second plane away from said first plane.

16. (Original) A lathing material as in Claim 15 wherein longitudinal strands have a shaped cross-section profile.

17. **(Original)** A lathing material as in Claim 16 wherein said longitudinal strands have a flattened cross-section profile.

18. **(Previously Amended)** A method of fabricating a building wall using welded wire lath material adapted to be wound in rolls, for applying stucco on a building frame, comprising the steps of

- a) arranging in a transverse direction a plurality of spaced-apart, approximately parallel transverse strands substantially located in a first plane;
- b) arranging in a longitudinal direction, a plurality of spaced-apart approximately parallel primary longitudinal strands also substantially located in said first plane, intersecting and in contact with said transverse strands;
- c) arranging in a longitudinal direction a plurality of secondary longitudinal strands also substantially placed in said first plane and closely spaced and approximately parallel with, some of said primary longitudinal strands, thus forming pairs of longitudinal strands, said pairs defining a plurality of longitudinal slots located at predetermined spaced intervals extending across said lathing material, said slots wide enough to allow the shaft of fasteners to penetrate said slots, but narrower than the head of said fasteners, said fasteners predetermined for attaching said lath to said building frame;
- d) welding said transverse strands to said primary strands and to said secondary strands at their points of intersections, said plurality of strands forming a rectangular mesh located in a first plane; and
- e) forming a plurality of spacing furrs by bending said transverse strands into indentations perpendicular to, and on one side of, said first plane, at predetermined space intervals extending across said lathing material, each said spacing furr situated between two of said primary longitudinal strands or between one of said primary longitudinal strands and one of said secondary strands, the tip of said indentations defining a second plane away from said first plane, thus allowing said lathing material to be kept mostly separated from said building frame when it is placed with said indentations against said building frame.